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1. LISTED BELOW IS THE SELF EXPLANATORY TEXT OF A DRAFT NOTE WHICH THE EMBASSY PLANS TO PRESENT TO MFA, IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS EMBASSY NOTE NO. 1018 OF AUGUST 11, 1975 WHICH EXPRESSES THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO THE FACT THAT PERSONS WITH LEGITIMATE CONSULAR BUSINESS HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY DENIED ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY.

THE LATEST SERIOUS INCIDENT OF DENIAL OF ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY OCCURRED ON JULY 14. AT APPROXIMATELY 1:05 P.M. A SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICER, DR. EGON LOEBNER, COUNSELOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECH-NOLOGICAL AFFAIRS, WAS ENTERING THE SOUTH DRIVEWAY OF THE EMBASSY. AS HIS CAR TURNED INTO THE DRIVEWAY DR. LOEBNER SAW A MILTIAMAN FORCEFULLY KNOCK AN UNKNOWN WOMAN TO THE PAVEMENT SCATTERING A NUMBER OF HER PAPERS. AFTER A SPIRITED STRUGGLE THE WOMAN WAS DRAGGED TO THE DETENTION BUILDING AND ULTIMATELY DENIED ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY. THIS FORCIBLE REMOVAL OF A PERSON SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS AT THE EMBASSY WAS CARRIED OUT DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF DR. LOEBNER, WHO ATTEMPTED TO FIND OUT WHAT OCCURRED. THE
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INCIDENT WAS ALSO CLEARLY WITNESSED BY THE MARINE GUNNERY

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SERGEANT, A TRAINED OBSERVER, ON THE EMBASSY'S CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION MONITORING SYSTEM.

THE DENIAL OF THE ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY VIOLATES STANDARD INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND RESULTS IN OFFENSIVE AND INAPPROPRIATE APPLICATION OF FORCE AT THE EMBASY'S ENTRANCES. THESE VIOLENT EPISODES ARE ALSO MARKEDLY OUT OF CHARACTER WITH WELCOME IMPROVEMENTS IN OTHER ASPECTS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES FROM THE MINISTRY APPROPRIATE MEASURES HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE REASONABLE CONSULAR ACCESS.

THE EMBASSY STRONGLY REQUESTS THAT UNFORTUNATE PRACTICES OF THIS KIND BY SOVIET MILITIAMEN BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE MILITIAMAN ON DUTY AT THE EMBASSY WHO WAS GUILTY OF KNOCKING DOWN THE WOMAN BE DISCIPLINED AND TRANSFERRED TO SOME OTHER POST, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT IN THE FUTURE PERSONS WITH LEGITIMATE CONSULAR BUSINESS NOT BE DENIED ENTRY TO THE EMBASSSY OR OBSTRUCTED IN THE FUTURE. UNQUOTE.
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